

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ning Hu et al. Art Unit : 1612
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Title : METHOD FOR DRUG LOADING IN LIPOSOMES BY GRADIENT

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully submitted that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2009, said period of response being extended from April 12, 2009 to July 12, 2009. This extension of time is being filed for the purpose of retaining pendency of the application. A continuation application is being filed concurrently.

Applicant will pay the amount of \$1110.00 for the Extension fee when electronically submitting this document. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 503503.

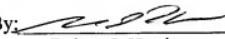
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